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of despotic powers, uttered a shrick pieceed the heart of the civilized world. turned all eyes and hearts to the time made us all Hungarians. Ireland keeps us in chronic tears by her wail from across the sea. France, when writhing in the folds of a double calamity, although the author of her own insfortunes, excited a generous sympathy and drowned all reproach.

I invoke this generous sentiment for Santo Domingo. No country is more bountifully blessed by nature or more wofully cursed by man; no country is catable of creater ser-

serves it less. Standing on the verge of civ-ilization, doubtful of her fate, grinnly debating the question whether she is to be saved to peace, order, or presentation. eace, order, or prosperity, or to fall away brough anarchy at home and contempt and leglect by her neighbors, into the measure-

less depth of iguerance, weakness, and bar-less depth of iguerance, weakness, and bar-barism, that country has indeed a sad story to tell and special claims upon the sympathy, at least, of the American people. Of what that story is mall its details and inliness, I can promise but little in a single lecture. From the nature of the occasion and the limits of the hour, I cannot do more than hint its character and echo in a feeble way something of its import.

Interesting to us for her wonderful and casily accessible tropical resources, her splendid bays, and fertile valleys, she is also deeply interesting for being the first American soil trodden by the white race.

## FIRST THINGS.

by virtue of being first things—especially when they are the beginning of great things—when, as in this case, they have opened the way to important events, have a peculiar fascination. The cradle is ever a sacred object among household furniture; since Adam men have strained for a glimpse of the garden.

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It is impressive and solemn in any case to walk among the ruins of former greatness, but the very vigor of tropical nature made it his place more impressive than ordinary ruins in other latitudes. It illustrated the effect of positive contrast. It was a theatre upon which life and death, youth and age, vigor and decay, struggled for the mastery. Favored by all her forces of climate and soil, nature, among these mouldering walls, reveled in ruin, danced in the jaws of death, and sent forth delicious odors from the erumbling effeteness. The banana, the palm-tree, the cocoa-nut, the zapodelia, the coffee-plant, the orange and lemon, the graceful oleander, with various other tropical growths, twined about by many vines and creepers of becautiful flowers, all flourished here. Many of these have shot up thirty or forty feet above the holy altars, where, two hundred years ago, the wealth and splendor of Santo Domingo knelt in pride and pomp to pray.

There are still several fine old churches in this ancient city; but even they are marked for destruction. Tropical heat and insular moisture, as mighty in destruction as in creation, are already making sad havoe with these venerable piles, and they will soon be in the dust with their sister, already described.

### THE HEART ACHES

amid this desolation that no restoring hand is visible above these grand old structures, and we instinctively wish we could breathe a little of American life into the people.

In the United States we may contemplate decay with complacency, for her destruction and creation go hand in hand. Time wears, fires burn, floods and famines sweep away in an hour the wealth of years. They are but passing shadows on the nation's brow. Chicago and Boston, ashes to-day, but iron and granite to-morrow. But Santo Domingo, vegetating in the thick miasma of an effect civilization, has no power to rebuild her old swate places.

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shores afford the best points from which to
survey the broad course of civilization on
this continent.

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THE CITY.

On the south side of this island, at the
mouth of the Ozama, a beautiful river, navigable for small crafts thirty or forty miles
into the interior, stands the ancient city of
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